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A simple remedy would be to relicense Microsoft software such that OEMs are not allowed to install Microsoft operating systems on new PCs. Microsoft is guilty of preventing OEMs from installing competing operating systems in the past, which makes this remedy fit the bill perfectly. It will also force OEMs to install competing operating systems like Linux.

APIs such as DirectX need to be ported to competing operating systems. DirectX was designed to lock game manufacturers onto a single platform (at the time is was designed to kill DOS, but it effectively kills all competing operating systems as well).

Document formats need to be opened up. There is no reason why Microsoft word documents must be stored in a proprietary closed format. This is a blatent abuse of Microsoft's monopoly power. Document formats should be in an open, and easy to understand format such as XML.